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SUBJECT: IAHRC VISIT TO PARAGUAY

REF: (A) ASUNCION 4859 (B) ASUNCION 5233

1. IAHRC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VARGAS CALLED TRAGEN MORNING OF DECEMBER 30 AND ADVERTED TO EARLIER CONVERSATION BASED ON YOUR REF. (A). VARGAS SAID SOME MEMBERS OF COMMISSION CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT GOP IS PLAYING A GAME WITH THEM.

HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT IAHRC WOULD NOT TAKE SOME QUOTE PRECIPITATE ACTION UNQUOTE IF NO DATE IS SET FOR PARAGUAY VISIT BEFORE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING IN CARACAS BEGINNING JANUARY 26.

2. WE APPLAUD STRONG STAND YOU TOOK WITH NOGUES IN REF (B) AND SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION FOR BACKGROUND ONLY BUT NOT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGESTION FOR NEW DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME. YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL IN YOUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH NOGUES TO REMIND HIM THAT IAHRC WILL BE MEETING ON JANUARY 26 AND THAT SETTING OF DATE FOR VISIT COULD MINIMIZE ADVERSE STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS AT THAT TIME. VARGAS DID NOT SPECIFY THAT RELEASE OF REPORT WOULD CONSTITUTE QUOTE PRECIPITATE ACTION UNQUOTE FOLLOWING CARACAS CONFERENCE BUT GOP SHOULD GET

WORD OF GROWING SENTIMENT IN THE COMMISSION WELL BEFORE
LATE JANUARY. CHRISTOPHER

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